



WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (MRA&L)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PA)
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DOD
DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Federal Voting Assistance Program — 1984

Our right to vote is one of the basic foundations of our country. Our military men and women, who may be called upon to defend our freedoms, are most deserving of every opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Commanders at all echelons of command should place this program as a high priority and give it special attention and support to ensure military personnel and their eligible dependents know they can vote and have the opportunity to vote.

Enclosed is the Voting Action Plan and Information Support Plan for the 1984 Elections.

The plan places special emphasis on ensuring the IN-HAND delivery of Federal Post Card Applications for Absentee Ballot. The IN-HAND delivery dates are specified in the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955, as amended, and apply to all Executive Branch Departments and Agencies.

It is important that this program continue to receive full command support. I expect each Department of Defense component to ensure that Armed Forces members and others covered by the Act are fully informed and provided an opportunity to vote.

I would appreciate a copy of your implementing plan by January 13, 1984.

Enclosures

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